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For: Process for Effecting Ultra-Deep HDS of  
Hydrocarbon Feedstocks :

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir,

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on October 22, 2002, comprising a final rejection of instant claims 1-9, which are all the claims pending in the present application.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended twice) A process for the ultra-deep hydrodesulfurization of a hydrocarbon feedstock to a sulfur content of less than 200 ppm, comprising subjecting a catalyst comprising a molybdenum component, a nickel component, and an organic additive on a carrier to a sulfidation step, and contacting a

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